

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with TIMOTHY O'HAGAN on February, 19th 2008.

Regarding claim 5, line 7, phrase "decrements" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 10, line 7, phrase "decrements" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 14 line 6, phrase "decrements" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 19 line 6, phrase "decrements" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 7 line 3, phrase "a determining" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 7 line 3, phrase "predetermine" has been replaced with --
predetermined--.

Regarding claim 7 line 4, phrase "les" has been replaced with --less--.

Regarding claim 16 line 3, phrase "a determining" has been deleted.

Regarding claim 16 line 3, phrase "predetermine" has been replaced with --
predetermined--.

Regarding claim 16 line 4, of the same claim phrase "les" has been replaced with
--less--.

Conclusion

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